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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

A Strategic Roadmap for Establishing New Approaches To Evaluate the Safety of Chemicals and Medical Products in the United States; Availability of Report

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) coordinated the development of a strategic roadmap for establishing new approaches to evaluate the safety of chemicals and medical products in the United States. This document, prepared with support from the National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM), is now available.

ADDRESSES: The report is available at *https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/natl-strategy.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Warren Casey, Director, NICEATM; email: *warren.casey@nih.gov;* telephone: (984) 287–3118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Scientific and technological advances in toxicology can significantly improve and protect public health. However, a national strategy is required to ensure the safe, effective, and timely implementation of human-based, predictive approaches in toxicity testing.

The goal of the U.S. Strategic Roadmap is to realize the vision set forth in the seminal National Research Council report ''Toxicity Testing in the 21st Century: A Vision and a Strategy.'' This 2007 report envisioned using human-based assays and model information to provide a more efficient, predictive, and economic system for assessing the effects of chemicals on human health.

The U.S. Strategic Roadmap was developed with participation from the 16 ICCVAM member agencies and multiple interagency workgroups, as well as input from a broad range of stakeholder groups. It describes a new framework that will enable development, establish confidence in, and ensure use of new approaches to toxicity testing that improve human health relevance and reduce or eliminate the need for testing in animals.

Summary of Report Contents: The successful development and implementation of new approaches to toxicity testing will require coordinated efforts that address three strategic goals:

- Connect end users with developers of new approach methodologies
- Foster the use of efficient, flexible, and robust practices to establish confidence in new methods
- Encourage the adoption and use of new methods and approaches by federal agencies and regulated industries

Implementation of the roadmap goals, already underway in specific testing areas, will include key elements needed for advancement of alternative methods.

Availability of Report: The report is available at *https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/natl-strategy.*

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM: ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 16 federal regulatory and research agencies that require, use, generate, or disseminate toxicological and safety testing information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative safety testing methods and integrated testing strategies with regulatory applicability and promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of testing methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and replace, reduce, or refine (enhance animal well-being and lessen or avoid pain and distress) animal use.

The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285*l*–3) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and provides the authority for ICCVAM involvement in activities relevant to the development of alternative test methods. ICCVAM acts to ensure that new and revised test methods are validated to meet the needs of federal agencies, increase the efficiency and effectiveness and federal agency test method review, and optimize utilization of scientific expertise outside the federal government. Additional information about ICCVAM can be found at *http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvam.*

NICEATM administers ICCVAM, provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities, and conducts and publishes analyses and evaluations of data from new, revised, and alternative testing approaches. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved testing approaches applicable to the needs of U.S. federal agencies. NICEATM and ICCVAM welcome the public nomination of new, revised, and alternative testing approaches for validation studies and technical evaluations. Additional information about NICEATM can be found at *http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/niceatm.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Initial Review Group; Neurological Sciences and Disorders K; NSD–K Review Meeting.

Date: March 2, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Shanta Rajaram, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, 301–435–6033, *rajarams@mail.nih.gov.*

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Program Project Grant P01.

Date: March 12, 2018.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Ana Olariu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, 301–496–9223, *Ana.olariu@nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; NeuroNEXT 1.

Date: March 22–23, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Alexandrian, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Contact Person: Ana Olariu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, 301–496–9223, *Ana.olariu@nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; NeuroNEXT 2.

Date: March 23, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Alexandrian, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Contact Person: Ana Olariu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, 301–496–9223, *Ana.olariu@nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Wellstone Review.

Date: March 27–28, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Marriott Wardman Park, Washington DC Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Contact Person: Joel A. Saydoff, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3205, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892–9529, 301–496–9223, *joel.saydoff@nih.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Epidemiology of Chronic and Infectious Disease.

Date: March 5, 2018.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Heidi B. Friedman, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1012A, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–379–5632, *hfriedman@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Enhancing Developmental Biology Research at AREA Eligible Institutions.

Date: March 7, 2018.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Jonathan Arias, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5170, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–2406, *ariasj@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Biomedical Sensing, Measurement and Instrument.

Date: March 15–16, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109.

Contact Person: Inna Gorshkova, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1784, *gorshkoi@csr.nih.gov.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Draft NTP Research Report on the CLARITY–BPA Core Study; Availability of Document; Request for Comments; Notice of Peer-Review Meeting

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Toxicology Program (NTP) announces a meeting to peer review the Draft NTP Research Report on the CLARITY–BPA Core Study. This report presents the results of the core, guideline-compliant, chronic, extended-dose-range study of bisphenol A (BPA) in rats conducted as part of the CLARITY–BPA Research Program. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) conducted the study under the auspices of the National Toxicology Program and prepared the draft report in collaboration with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). The peer-review meeting will be held at NIEHS in Research Triangle Park, NC and is open to the public. Registration is requested for attendance at the meeting either in-person or by webcast and to present oral comments. Information about the meeting and registration is available at *https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/rrprp.*

DATES:

Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to adjournment at approximately 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The meeting may end earlier or later than 5:00 p.m. EDT. The preliminary agenda of topics is available at *https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/rrprp* and will be updated one week before the meeting.

Document Availability: The draft NTP Research Report should be available by February 23, 2018, at *https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/rrprp.*

Written Public Comment Submissions: Deadline is April 12, 2018.